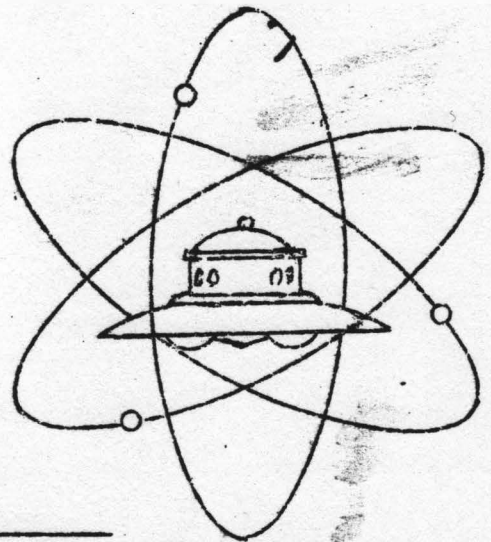
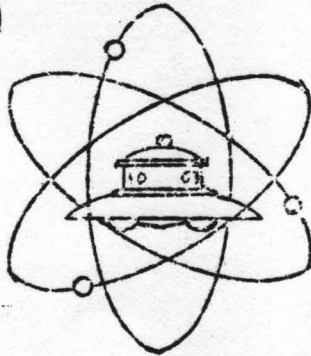
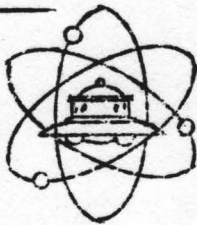


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EDITORIAL

No greater impulses of emotion pervade the human breast than those of Love and its antithesis, Fear. Pages could be written about the devastating effect upon the human life and mind of the negative force of the latter attribute. It is this very force which has hindered the progress of knowledge and science throughout history; for it is fear of the unknown that has caused so much prejudice, persecution, and in some cases martyrdom, in all ages.

Such is the effect on many minds of U.F.O. research work. Often we come upon accounts which border on the abnormal. The human tendency is to cast these aside as unreasonable and therefore unacceptable, but actually deep down there is a subconscious phobia which activates this rejection, the most common being the fear of public ridicule as a fanatic or a crank.

It is to the heroes of the past we must look for examples of men who were prepared to suffer loss of position and wealth in the defence of what they believed to be right.

Probably two of the fields of thought which have suffered most in this respect are those of medicine and religion, especially the psychic avenues of the latter; and even astronomy is not entirely free, for it too has its heroes who faced the scorn of their fellow workers - and this in the not too distant past. Lowell was ridiculed because he propounded the idea of the possibility of life on Mars,

and it is only today that at last his ideas are becoming more accepted, not as a possibility, but as a very fact.

Prejudice is hard to eradicate, for so many richards shut their eyes to the truth; while many others have inward convictions of the truth but fear for their positions. Ridicule, ostracism, and vested interest force many to deny openly that which they believe and know to be the truth.

It is possibly this great force that is hindering so much the public declaration from officialdom regarding the truth about the U.F.O.; for it would mean that many schools of thought would have to reverse their opinions and make an open admission that they cannot explain the why and wherefore to an alarmed public. It is not without some logical reason that such is withheld, for as long as the public can be made to believe that everything is all right and that they can go on living their carefree lives undisturbed by serious thinking, then everyone is happy. Or so they think - for the ogre of fear is only submerged, awaiting the time when some event will make it impossible to hide the fact that an understandable explanation cannot be given, and then real fear and alarm will stalk the earth and panic will ensue.

Nature has a nasty way of upsetting human calculations and disturbing those whose main idea of life is care-free pleasure-seeking, and history records some shocks to nations who reached such a stage in their national life. It is then that the prophets and ridiculed ones come into their own; for it is their opponents who are made to be the fools, and become not only the butts of ridicule but often the recipients of the power of an avenging populace who have been misled and mis-led, and have awakened like a sleeping ferocious beast.

We can take courage as the harbingers of the truth about U.F.O's, that the advance of the ever-increasing knowledge of these visitors from space must eventually become so apparent that the strongholds of power will be forced to do something about it. Already there are many indications that this is taking place; and it is possible that in the not too distant future some rude shocks may occur to force the hands of the richards, and the public will not be left in doubt as to what the whole truth of the matter is.

Meanwhile our duty is to declare the truth fearlessly and without favour, even if it costs us the opinion of some, and to show that in facing the truth there is no need of fear. What we must fear is the lack of knowledge and the loss of our right to be told the truth. With faith in God, Who will guide us if we are sincere, we shall go forward declaring what we have discovered.

- F.P.S.

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CONCERNING THE "RECORD"

For some months the editorial staff of the "Record" have been deeply concerned by the ever-increasing problems arising from the production of this magazine. Not only the costs of production, but the great number of hours of work required, have made it increasingly difficult to get each issue out on schedule.

The A.F.S.R.S., which started out as a small society less than two years ago, has expanded to cover a relatively immense area, in contact with a large number of people and other societies. However, all positions of staff and committee in the Society are honorary, which means that time available to devote to the work of the Society is necessarily limited.

We found ourselves, therefore, faced with three possible courses: (1) Discontinue the "Record"; (2) Produce only a newsletter from time to time; (3) Reorganise the "Record" to save time and cost.

The first two courses were not acceptable, so we are following the third course. We have decided to discontinue the special printed cover, thereby saving the Society an appreciable sum on each issue, and have changed the size to quarto, which will greatly simplify the cutting of stencils as well as the making up of the magazine.

The new production will not be quite so colourful in appearance as the old, nor quite so handy in size; but it is what is "inside the pie" that counts after all, and we intend to maintain the standard of the contents. It will even be possible to increase the amount of reading matter.

We shall welcome any comments and suggestions from readers about the "Record". We should also like to receive articles for publication. If these are typewritten, please use quarto paper, single-spaced, with one-inch margins. This will save us time in preparing the magazine.

N.S.W. BRANCH NEWS

The National Director visited Sydney in June and conducted a members' meeting, and also a public lecture at which there was a crowded hall of enthusiastic listeners. This resulted in good co-operation from a hitherto unrespon-

sive Press, with a good report and a resume of the subject; and an increase in membership, nearly doubling the previous numbers.

Shortly after this meeting Mr. Andrew Tomas, the past President, left for the Himalayas. He has been succeeded by Dr. W. P. Clifford, of Turrumurra, as the new H.S.W. President.

The new Secretary of the Branch is Miss Judith Croser of 11 Woodbine St., Balgowlah, to whom all correspondence for the H.S.W. Branch should be addressed. Already this young member, a real enthusiast, has proved her capabilities and is rendering yeoman service, not only to her Branch but to H.Q. in many matters. Thank you, Judith.

Mr. Fred Phillips gave a very interesting lecture on "Communication with F.S." He had a very good audience, and, judging by the questions which followed, one that greatly appreciated his services.

DEVELOPMENTS IN VICTORIA

The National Director and some of the H.Q. Committee will visit Melbourne at Christmas, and will give some lectures. They are looking forward to meeting all Victorian saucer enthusiasts, and seeing the progress being made in that State. Already a small band of workers has been formed, and they are meeting regularly. Any interested persons should get in touch with Mr. R.M. Foria, 20 Nicholson St., Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria.

JUNE MEETING IN ADELAIDE

As Mr. Fred Stone was visiting Sydney, the Hon. Secretary took the chair. Some of the latest news and developments in the saucer world were presented to members, and the Hon. Secretary discussed the latest saucer books in a short address.

THE U.S. AIR FORCE AND THE U.F.O.'S

At the July general meeting, the main item on the programme was an address by the Hon. Secretary on "The U.S. Air Force and the U.F.O.'s". He described the history of the Air Force's investigation of the U.F.O. mystery, and of its relations with the Press and the public. He discussed the significance of the results of these investigations, particularly the Special Report on Project Bluebook. He also pointed out some of the inconsistencies in various statements made to the Press and the public at different

times. The address was illustrated by short quotations from books by Major D. Keyhoe and Captain E. Ruppelt, which had previously been tape-recorded.

SAUCERS ON NATIONAL NETWORK

Also at the July meeting in Adelaide, members heard a tape recording of an interview with Mr. Keith Cartwright, from the ABC's "News Review" programme. This was broadcast over the nation-wide ABC network on 12th June, 1956. In the course of the interview, Mr. Cartwright described his magnetic saucer detector (see Vol. 2 No. 1 of the "Record") and explained how it was used. The broadcast gave useful publicity for the A.F.S.R.S., the forthcoming International F.S. Sighting Days, and saucers in general.

ADDRESSES TO METHODIST GROUPS

Two addresses on the subject of F.S. were given during July. Mr. Fred Stone was invited to address a meeting of the Woodville Methodist Boys' Fellowship on the 20th., and he spoke to a gathering of about 150 young people and their families who received his address with the liveliest enthusiasm. The evening was a great success.

On the 18th., the Hon. Secretary was guest speaker at a meeting of the Tasmore Methodist Men's Fellowship, where the audience numbered about 60 young men - and some not so young. Reporting on the meeting, the "Tasmore Methodist Church News" commented: ".....The fact that (including question time) he spoke for two hours to a rapt audience and was still being besieged with questions after the meeting had officially closed speaks volumes for the importance and fascination of his topical subject."

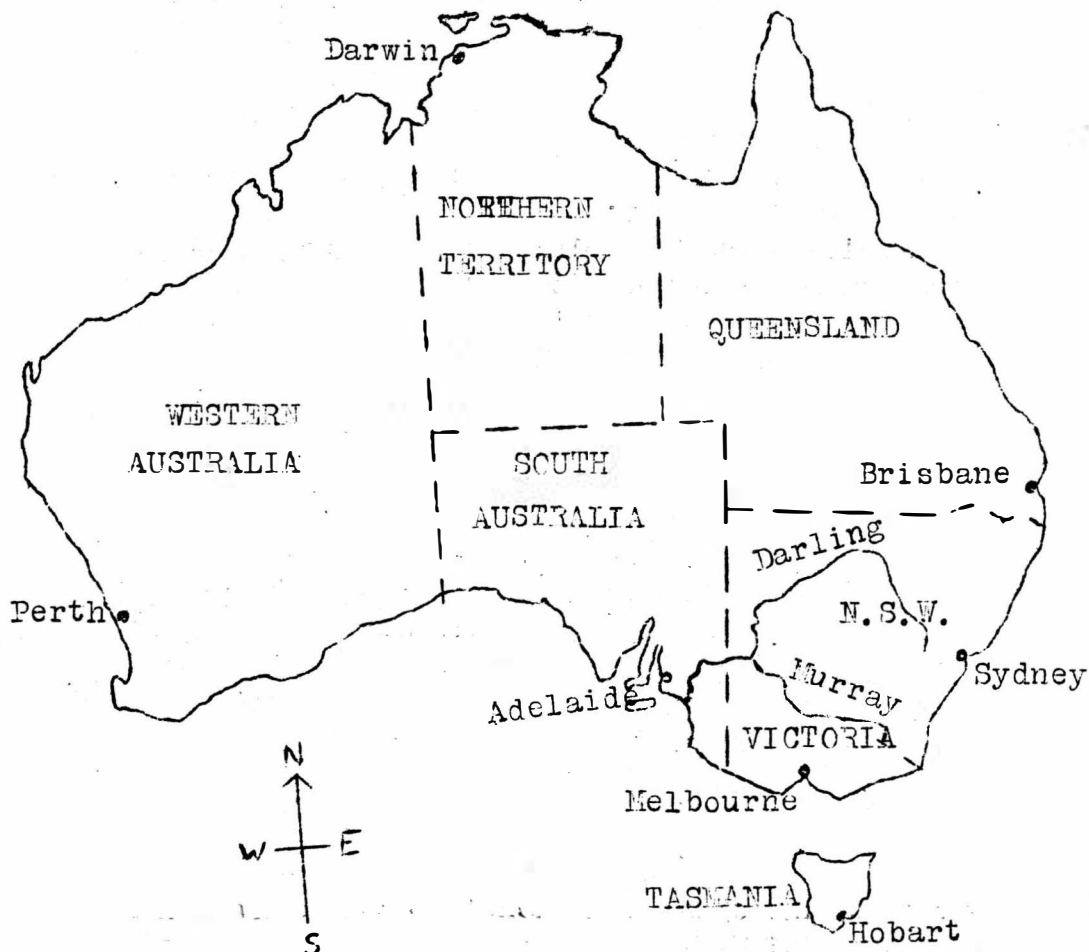
MOSELEY AND MARS

At the August General Meeting the full details of the claim by Mr. James Moseley, Editor of "Saucer News", to have discovered that the saucers are secret, remote-control devices, made in and operated from the U.S.A., were presented to members and the implications of this remarkable claim were discussed.

The Hon. President then gave an address on the relation of Mars to the saucer situation, referring to theories that more than usual sightings occurred when Mars was close to the Earth, as in 1950, 1952, and 1954.

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THE AUSTRALIAN SCENE



MURRAY FLOODS

For a month the pages of the newspapers were full of the terrible devastation of the swollen rivers Murray and Darling; the wholesale damage to vineyards, orchards, dairies, and farms, and in some cases loss of life. The previous record level has already been exceeded. Military and civilian aid has been called to assist the population. Hospitals are marooned. We wonder if all this is beyond man's control. Our sympathies go out to all so terribly distressed and affected.

Weather conditions also remain contrary and unusual,

and people everywhere are more than ever blaming the atom bomb as the cause. At least some of our scientists do not disagree with this assumption.

EARTHQUAKES IN AUSTRALIA

The "Advertiser" (Adelaide), 10th August, 1956, reports: "Residents of south-western suburbs reported a series of mysterious explosions soon after 9 a.m. today. Reports embraced seven suburbs. One woman said she felt five explosions in 20 minutes. They were severe enough to make her house shake and the windows rattle. Another said 'My neighbour and I heard the noise like a dull rumble, but it was not like thunder'. A police officer said he heard the noise when he was driving a car. 'I stopped the car thinking the tyres had blown out.' Several people rang the Weather Bureau and newspaper offices to enquire about a thunderstorm or an earth tremor."

So far there has been no explanation of this puzzle. Five days later, an item in the "News" (Adelaide) read: "A violent earth tremor rocked buildings in Melbourne suburbs and Geelong early today. Burses in a hospital said babies awakened screaming with fear. The shock was most severe at Geelong, 45 miles from Melbourne. It occurred at 3.22 a.m. and lasted several seconds, but despite its intensity and wide area, no damage has been reported. An operator at Geelong telephone exchange said he thought the building was going to fall in. Almost immediately after the blast, his switchboard was jammed by callers asking what had happened. Police received reports from all parts of Melbourne and Geelong."

In the same newspaper the next day, 16th August, a report from Sydney was published: "An earth tremor rocked the western N.S.W. town of Orange and surrounding districts. Walls shattered and plaster fell as townspeople rushed outside. The tremor lasted nearly a minute."

These occurrences are most unusual in Australia, where earthquake shocks are rare.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH GROUPS

It appears from enquiries, and comments in the various magazines, as well as press reports from time to time, that there is a little confusion as to what societies are working in the Commonwealth in the cause of the U.F.O.

From the comments in the previous pages it will be seen that this society is in a very healthy condition indeed as regards its activities. Our strongest forces are at pre-

sent situated in the H.Q. State of South Australia; and a very close second is New South Wales, where the branch is expanding, with new members every month. This we feel is due to the interest roused by the public lectures and meetings held from time to time.

There are groups working in almost every state. Victoria and Queensland are on the threshold of great possibilities, and we are looking forward with hope to the work spreading there as it has in N.S.W., which started only about twelve months ago on similar lines.

There are members of the A.F.S.R.S. in Tasmania, but as these are scattered over a wide area, so far it has been found impossible to bring them together for meetings; but we do not despair that even this will some day be accomplished.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND QUEENSLAND

In West Australia, however, the situation is very different, in that a group was started over there by our friend Gordon Dellar; but it has only a few members, and they are not yet as effective as those of us in the eastern States. We did have hopes of helping them, at their request, to re-form themselves, and of taking them under our wing as a branch, but the plans for this have seemed impracticable, and are for the time being laid aside. In the meantime they still exist as a small group known as the Perth U.F.O. Research Group.

Good news has come from Queensland in that a group has been started there by Gordon Dellar. He has formed a small committee and with other members already in the State, it should prove a great help to those who are so far away from H.Q. We are looking forward to hearing of great things from the "Banana State". They have appointed Mr. C. Lehmann as Hon. Secretary.

PAST HISTORY

As regards the other societies which were operating some time ago, before our own Society was formed, we wish to give a very definite and clear picture for all those interested.

The original society, the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, of N.S.W., headed by Edgar Jarrold, is now most definitely no longer in existence, and has been superseded by the A.F.S.R.S., its previous member. becoming the foundation of this Society both in N.S.W. and South Australia. There may be some past members who are not known to us; but

Mr. Jarrold, at his own request, passed everything over to us and retired from the scene. Further comments on this are to be found in the "Record", Vol. 2 No. 2.

The former society in Tasmania, headed by my old colleague Mr. S.H. Fullerton, the Interplanetary Group of Tasmania, is now also defunct; this became due to the ill-health of this good worker. Attempts have been made to start the work again, and offers made to others over there to take them under our wing, but to date we have received no reply; so that as far as we can tell there is now no active group in the "Apple Isle".

An organization known as the Australian F.S. Investigation Committee operated from Box 578, G.P.O., Melbourne, Victoria. This society is not active and is comprised of an extremely select few who do not wish to co-operate with any others, according to statements made when we contacted them last Christmas.

There, then is the situation in all States as we know it. - F.P.S.

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o	ed in some F.S. Journals some
o NEWS AND COMMENTS	rather caustic comments upon a
o by F.P. Stone	theory propounded by one of the
o	workers in the psychic field,
o o o o o o o o o o o o	regarding the use of water put
	into blue bottles and stood
	in the sun for the effects of solar action upon it.

While we cannot offer any actual evidence to support this practice, we would like to point out some very striking facts which could well have a bearing on this theory.

During the war it was found necessary in Australia, owing to restrictions, to use white bottles for beer containers instead of the usual brown glass. The breweries however found that the sun's action upon the beer in a white bottle proved so detrimental that they quickly discontinued the use of these.

The point we wish to make is that if the solar rays acted in some way upon the contents in the white bottle and not in the brown, it proves that the colour did have something to do with this. Who can say therefore that in some way the solar rays could not have some curative or healthful effect upon water in a blue bottle?

It seems we are only just beginning to learn of the great healing and therapeutic powers of colour and its uses, and already the scientific world is proving into this very

area of hitherto lost knowledge with some very amazing results.

Even the world of aviation has learnt long ago that certain colours are greatly affected by the rays of the sun, and have adapted this principle to offset or make use of it at will. In their quest for high altitudes and the conquest of space, the use of colour in contrast to the solar rays has been a top priority study for some time.

Here again we have another field of study which we cannot cast aside until we understand it more fully, let alone ridicule it.

THE ADAMSKI-MOSELEY CONTROVERSY

We do not wish to take sides in this controversy, for we feel that the dispute will not do the saucer work any good; but it seems necessary to express a few observations made from the evidence to hand.

Moseley has challenged Adamski to make good his threat to sue him; and no doubt this may sound very challenging, but it seems that he has overlooked a few things as far as public opinion is concerned.

Firstly, Adamski is now a widely known character, due to his books, and at the best Moseley has never been heard of except in the very narrow circle of saucer magazine readers; this alone means that Moseley would have a long way to go to obtain the prestige that Adamski has earned for himself. It must be remembered that Adamski's story has not been disproved yet by his many opponents, nor his photos established as fakes in the tests they were subjected to; nor has his character been questioned.

Secondly, among saucer folk Adamski has won a reputation for his sincerity, even with those who do not wholly accept his story; and many who have heard this man speak and read his letters are more than ever convinced that while his story may seem fantastic, they cannot deny that he reveals a character of gentle unpretentiousness and sincerity which is strongly convincing. Can we say the same for Moseley? When one reads his ironic articles, one can almost feel the sarcasm of his tone, not only in comments against Adamski but against many othersworkers in the field of the U.F.O. One cannot feel that psychologically he calls for our sympathy.

Moseley boasts of a secret source of income which, judging by his activities, is no small one. While, as he claims, it is his own business where it comes from, it certainly causes many to have suspicions of his credentials.

Now, in addition to all this, after claiming Adam-

ski's story is fantastic and unproven, he produces in his defence one far more so, to quiet the critics who urged him to make good his boast of knowing where the saucers come from, etc. This arouses more than ever our suspicions, for it implies that he, above all people, has BEEN TOLD THIS GREAT SECRET of the "Organization" - while the U.S. Government doesn't know a thing about it. Mr. Moseley - how far does your ego go? Or how dumb do you think we are?

Again, if this secret were such a jealously guarded one, is it not more likely that these "organization" boys would more than ever have encouraged everyone possible, even the scientists, to approve the idea of the extraterrestrial origin, to lead them away from the real truth which Moseley claims?

His case then presupposes that there is an organization which is above the Government, which has the power to do as it likes, and act when and where it likes, not only in the U.S.A. but all over the world, even in Red Russia. In fact this suggests that all these countries must have amiably agreed to connive at this GREAT SECRET. Does the past history of even the last decade suggest that such a thing is probable, let alone possible?

Those of us to whom years have given knowledge and wisdom in many of the world's affairs which are conducted in the background, are well aware of the International Clique which foster and run all world affairs and have done so for a few centuries, and that even leading governments are pawns in their hands at times; and will admit that such an organization IS in existence, but that they have become so "humane" in contrast to their past history is beyond our comprehension. Now they embark on SAVING the world from the awful radiations set up by all world governments, and which they financially have fostered.

If such an about-face of "The Ring" is possible and they have decided to SAVE the world, then Moseley is the greatest prophet the world has ever known and will go down in history as such in the halls of fame. Methinks that he gives himself away here, for then it must be these very people who have given him this "dope" to spill, so that they at last will be recorded as the beneficent saviours of a world lost in the imminent doom of annihilation by atomic repercussion.

Surely if anyone has thrown a bombshell to confuse the issues more and bring ridicule on the work, it is not George Adamski but this man who claims to have been told the greatest secret the world has ever known.

PREHISTORIC ATOM BOMBS?

A most interesting article appeared in the "Sydney Morning Herald", and also in the "Advertiser" (Adelaide), on 28th July and 4th August respectively: "Atom Bomb 4,000 Years Ago", by C.W. Waterson. He says: "Is it possible that the atom, or even the H-bomb, was known to mankind more than 4,000 years ago? The fact remains that the oldest known books in the world give detailed accounts of super weapons used in the terrible wars which preceded the Flood, and what is more remarkable is the reference made to the fearful gales which followed the use of these weapons, and the after-effects on man and beasts contaminated by the explosive".

He goes on to quote from the ancient writings, accounts which stagger the reader by their similarity in description to the very things which happen with the use of the bombs today and their after-effects. Such reading convinces many of us that man today is not evolved so much after all, and that history has a strange habit of repeating itself - a view that some of us have held for a long time.

THE NEW NOSTRADAMUS

On the same page appears also an article with the above heading. We do not necessarily concur with the soothsayer, but quote it as being of interest:

A Mr. Pingal S. Reddy, with H.Q. at Karachi, expects to set up a Sydney office soon. Some of his prophecies are: Two moons will appear in 1957..... The third world war will break out on 6th September 1957; one sixth of the world's population will be wiped out..... He was supposed to have predicted the failure of the romance of Princess Margaret and Peter Townsend..... He even goes so far as to predict the death of Queen Elizabeth and the Royal children in 1960, due to a bomb on Buckingham Palace, and that Princess Margaret will succeed to the throne; she will by that time also be Queen of Sweden, having married Prince Bertil in 1957, King Gustav having abdicated in his son's favour. Mr. Reddy predicts that she will reign for 38 years without war.

The same seer is not too proud to take a fee of 7/- for a question, or £2 for a problem, if you are in need of such a look into your own future.

We can only hope that in some respects he is wrong, and for our part we wish our good Queen all the protection of God. However should he be right, then it at least does portend some happy days ahead after a clean up of the atom-

ic war. We can say that Princess Margaret has shown the world her qualification to high office in her renunciation of personal desires to the cause of duty. In any case, "God bless all our Royal Family" is the attitude of our Society in such matters.

We have quoted the above as several people have enquired about our opinion of this article, and the views of the Society.

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o INTERNATIONAL F.S. SIGHTING DAYS IN RETROSPECT o
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The first two International F.S. Sighting days, held on 30th. June and 8th. September this year, have passed into U.F.O. history. We can now look back and attempt to assess the results of this experiment.

From the Australian point of view, the wintry weather spoiled the chances of observers for most of the time on both days. This possibility was naturally not unexpected, and the A.F.S.R.S. concentrated on the organizational aspects of the experiment rather than on intensive observation. Since both days turned out to be cloudy and overcast, even showery, this arrangement was most satisfactory. Even if no sightings at all had been reported, the experience gained and the publicity and opportunity for public co-operation would have made the experiment a success.

The press and radio publicity alone was of the greatest value in bringing the serious side of U.F.O. research to the notice of the public. Such publicity, properly handled, can do more than anything else to lift flying saucers out of the "non-U" category and diminish the disproportionate interest in the "little green men from Mars" angles.

Since some actual results were achieved, therefore, the experiment as a whole must be regarded as remarkably successful for a first attempt.

The sighting reported from Adelaide was not in itself spectacular or conclusive, consisting of a brilliant light moving across the sky and then reversing its direction; but it was reported by telephone to H.Q. by two independent groups of people within half an hour, and the descriptions given tallied closely. Immediate checks with the appropriate departments ruled out the possibilities of aircraft or balloons, and the distinctive flight path of the object indicated that it could not have been a meteor.

To assess accurately its size, altitude, and speed would have required several more detailed observations from widely spaced points, and these were not available. Even so, the object falls clearly into the category of an "unknown".

PRESS CO-OPERATION

The press and radio co-operation on both days was outstanding. As reported in the last issue of the "Record", the attention of the public was drawn to the experiment as early as the beginning of June. On 28th. June, the "Advertiser" (Adelaide) published this item:

"Saturday will be International Flying Saucer Sighting Day. The Secretary of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society said yesterday the purpose of the day was to gather statistical information about sightings from all parts of the world by keeping a continuous watch over a given period. June 30 was chosen in England as it was midsummer there. It is possible that the sky here will be overcast, making observation difficult. However, this will not detract from the value of the experiment, which will be a rehearsal for the second sighting day on September 8."

The Argonaut Bookshop, Adelaide, headed its advertisement in the "Advertiser" on 30th June with: "Today is Flying Saucer Watching Day! Thousands will be watching all over the world for the sighting of flying saucers....." A list of the latest saucer books followed.

The "News" (Adelaide) devoted part of its editorial to the occasion, under the heading "Eyes like Saucers":

"Sportsmen consulting their horoscopes today will surely be warned to avoid investing money on horses, stretching their muscles for high marks, exposing their shins to hockey sticks, and all other forms of Saturday afternoon risk. For today is International Flying Saucer Sighting Day. Simply anything could happen. Members of flying saucer research societies throughout the world will mount a 24-hour vigil to gather 'statistical information' about those elusive bits of crockery that have been chivvying us these past few years....."

At the same time, on page 3 a prominent heading read "DIAL MB 1233 FOR FLYING SAUCERS". The general public was given its final briefing in the text: "Dial MB 1233 today and tonight to talk to Adelaide's special interplanetary detectives. But don't ring them frivolously. Ring only if you see a strange light in the sky or see some object that is not an aircraft, kite, or any other type of known flying machine. MB 1233, headquarters of the local branch of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, will check your

report within a few minutes. President of the society, Mr. Fred Stone, of Kilburn, today explained why sightings would receive prompt attention. 'Today is International Flying Saucer Sighting Day', he said. 'It is a test to see how effective our sighting and research organizations are throughout the world. In South Australia we have observation points north, south, east, and west of the city, and a few in the country.'"

With so much publicity, it was to be expected that there would be a few hoaxes. These, however, were easily dealt with by the simple procedure of asking for the caller's name and address. None of the hoaxers would give even his name, but the genuine callers readily gave all details as evidence of good faith. It was, of course, explained that names, etc., would be held in confidence if the caller wished this.

The results of the first sighting day were summed up in the "Advertiser" on 2nd. July: "Adelaide members of The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society who took part in the 'International flying saucer sighting day' on Saturday believe that one probably genuine saucer was sighted. Mr. F.P. Stone said yesterday that on Saturday he received a phone call from Mr. C.E. Moffat, of Northfield, who reported seeing a shining object in the north-western sky a few minutes after 7 p.m. A similar object was described in phone calls from three Woodville residents..... 'We also had several phone calls which were obviously hoaxes,' Mr. Stone added. 'One man said he was seeing pink elephants.'"

There was similar press publicity for the second day, in South Australia and N.S.W., and on both occasions the event received space in local and national radio news bulletins. On 7th. September an appropriate announcement also appeared in the Perth, W.A., "Daily News".

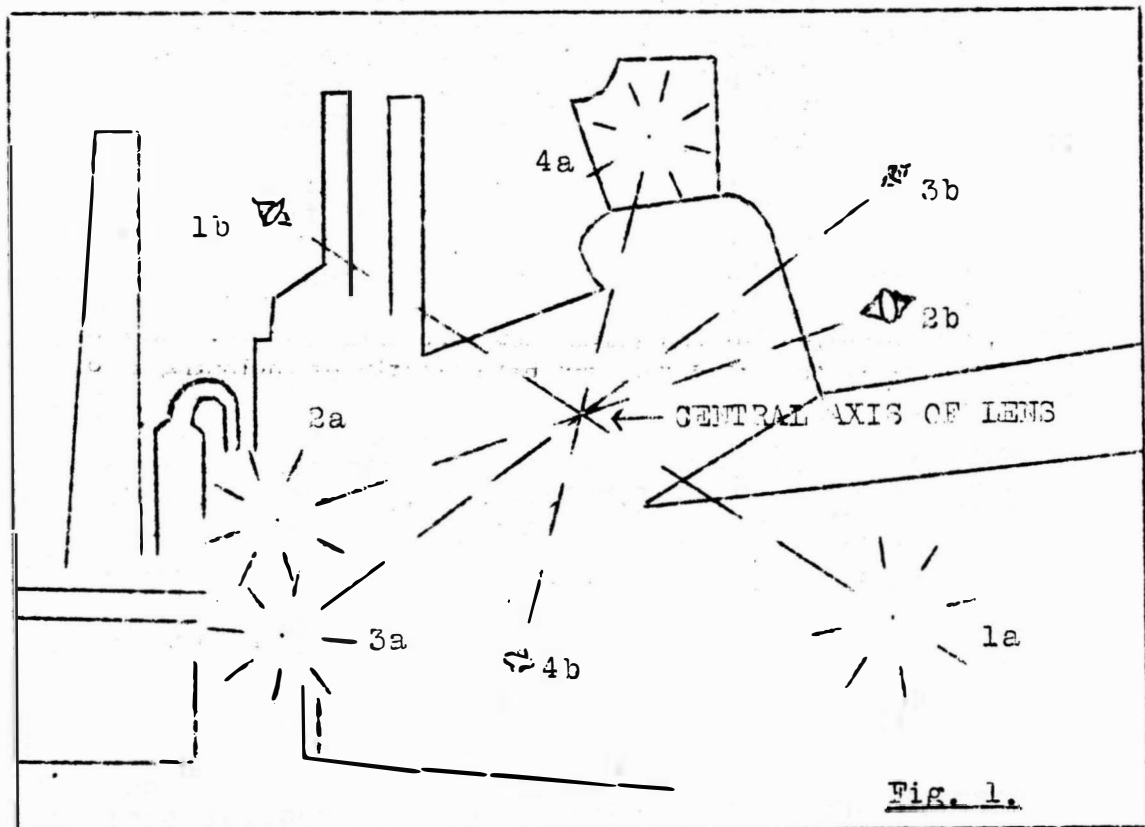
A possible sighting has been reported to the Society on 8th September from near Adelaide, but at the time of going to press sufficient details were not available to evaluate this case.

RESULTS FROM OVERSEAS

Reports from overseas of the results of the experiment are still coming in. So far excellent reports have come from New Zealand, U.S.A., and Germany, among other countries. The weather was not very favourable in England on 30th. June, but two reports at least came from the London area. One described a "sharp-edged disc or sphere"; the other described an elliptical object which became crescent shaped, and was said to have interfered with television reception.

SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH AREN'T
By E.D. Thomas.

There are at present many photographs of U.F.O.'s which are certainly not faked, nor can they be explained away. Unfortunately there are also many which have been put



forward which are either deliberate hoaxes, or of objects or optical effects which have been genuinely mistaken for U.F.O.

Most of those in the first category are easily recognized for what they are, and should quickly find their way into the circular file by the application of gravitic energy to their mass. A typical example of this type of picture is published in the excellent book, "The Mystery of Other Worlds Revealed" (Fawcett Publications), to illustrate Major Keyhoe's article. The caption reads "..... this may be faked". Close examination suggests that the objects in the photograph are a hat and a disc record, thrown into the air and photographed. Such pictures, unless they are quickly exposed, (and not in the photographic sense, either), do a considerable amount of harm to serious research.

There are of course a few "doubtfuls" which may come into the same category, and which were taken in circumstances which make it impossible to prove their authenticity. These can only be established as fakes if the perpetrator repents and confesses.

However a surprising number of published photographs fall into the second category, where they are put forward as U.F.O. photographs because the persons concerned have failed to recognize them for what they are. An interesting fact is that in the majority of such cases, the photographer has reported that nothing was visible at the time when the exposure was made; but when the film was developed - "There it was!"

I should like to consider one or two of these in detail, to show how it is possible to be fooled by unexpected effects.

The frontispiece of H.T. Wilkins's "Flying Saucers On the Moon" (Peter Owen Ltd.) is a photograph of the Armco Steel Corporation blast furnace at Hamilton, Ohio, taken at night. Three elliptical objects are visible above the buildings.

Fig. 1, on the previous page, is an outline sketch showing the positions of these objects and the main features of the picture. An examination of the original will show that there are several brilliant lights in the foreground, and one on the tower-like structure. In Fig. 1 these lights have been numbered 1a, 2a, 3a, and 4a.

Now if lines are drawn through the centres of these lights and the centre of the picture, i.e. the central axis of the lens, and projected AN EQUAL DISTANCE BEYOND this central axis, it will be found that these lines reach the objects (1a - 1b, 2a - 2b, and 3a - 3b). Further, it will be noticed that the minor axes of the ellipses, which in the photograph appear to be drawn out into conical projections,

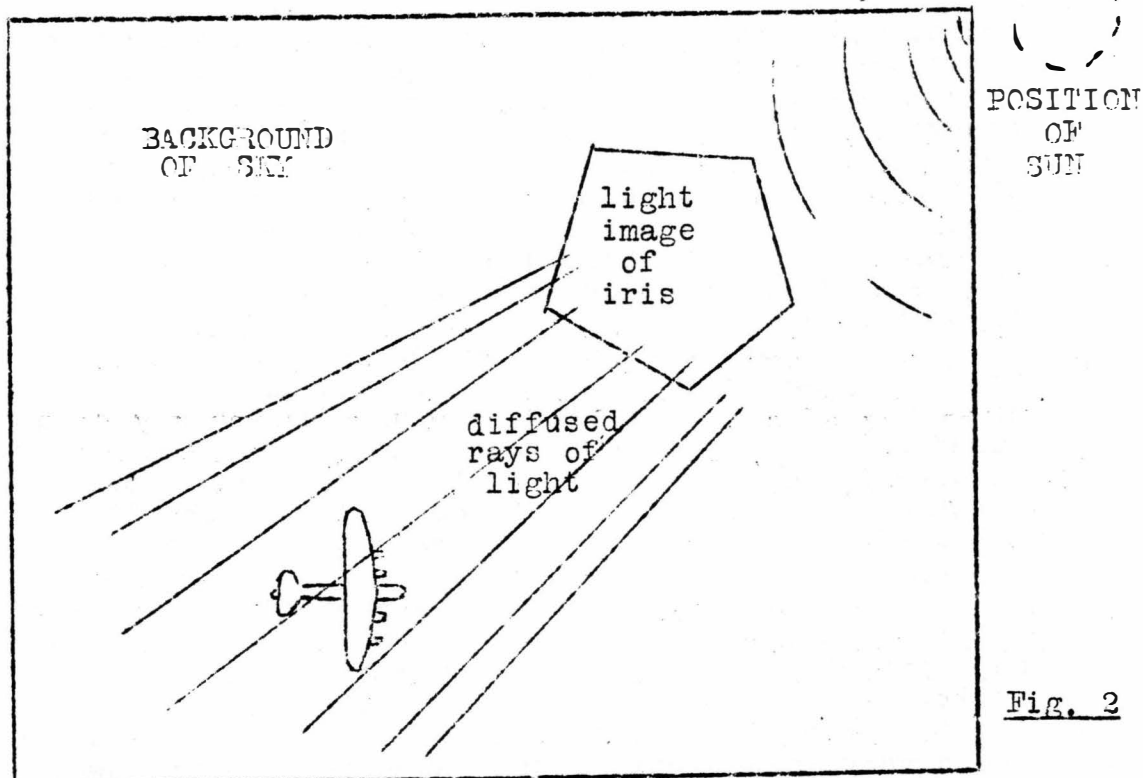


Fig. 2

lie EXACTLY along these lines.

It is reasonable to suppose that the light marked 4a in Fig. 1 would give a similar effect. A line drawn from 4a through the central axis and produced an equal distance gives the point 4b. It is found that this part of the picture is brightly illuminated so that any such effect will not be obvious; 1b, 2b and 3b coincided with a dark background of sky. However, a careful examination of the original shows that at this point the outline of another "space craft" appears, 20 or 30 yards from the camera.

Such lens reflections are familiar to experienced photographers, and often occur when the camera is pointed at a bright light. The novice is always warned not to point his camera at the sun, and to shield his lens from its direct rays. This point underlines another common denominator of this class of pictures: in most of them a bright light appears, or is just out of the picture.

An excellent example of a lens flare caused by the sun appears in the "Telonic Research Bulletin", Vol. 2, No. 1, published by Telonic Research Centre, Box 1654, Prescott, Arizona. Fig. 2, above, is an outline sketch of this picture. The photographer had pointed the camera at the air-

craft, which was almost overhead. The sun was out of the viewfinder; its position is indicated in Fig. 2.

Now it is important to note that the photographer asserted that nothing was visible in the sky except the aircraft and the sun. Under the given conditions of lighting, the smallest possible aperture would have been used; and in a camera such as the Kodak "Tourist" the iris has five blades which, when closed, form a nearly straight sided pentagon. This effect has nothing to do with the well-known building in Washington, D.C.

The sun, streaming on to the lens and iris from the top right-hand corner of the picture, projected a neat image of the iris on to the film, and also caused a series of diffused rays of light to appear. These, it will be noticed, diverge from the position of the sun. Since these are superimposed on the underside of the aircraft, the "5-sided U.F.O." would have had to pass between the aircraft and the ground.

It seems likely that the photograph published in "Flying Saucers Have Landed" (Werner Laurie) as Plate 9, captioned "Flying Saucer over New York", is due to a lens reflection. It will be obvious that there is a very bright light in the picture, roughly opposite the object, which could very easily have caused such an effect. However there appears to be some mystery surrounding the inclusion of this picture, since the caption does not seem to fit the actual photograph.

By bearing in mind the interesting possibilities of lens reflections, etc, it becomes possible to sweep away many of the cobwebs which at present obscure the U.F.O. picture in more senses than one.

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A SIGHTING AT DARWIN

From the "Australasian Post", 6th. September 1956: "Australasia's latest flying saucer scare from Darwin is coming in for a great deal of nation-wide comment. The greatest scepticism is being shown, oddly enough, by the locals..... First report came from a veteran charter pilot, who told RAAF security officers he had early last month seen 'a long, narrow, dimly illuminated object' moving horizontally over the Darwin airport at a fabulously high speed. This was closely followed by a report from crew members of an airliner, who claimed they had seen a similar shape 300 miles north of Darwin, at an altitude of about 29,000 ft. Both sightings of the 'thing' were seen on the same night."

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